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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Backup Material on Laos for Senator Stennis

1. In response to Mr. Braswell's request for backup material for the possible use of Senator Stennis in a secret Senate debate on Laos, attached hereto (Tab A) is a record of Agency briefings of Senate committees and subcommittees regarding our Laos involvements since 1961. You will note that altogether during that period we have discussed this subject before Senate committees or subcommittees on 27 occasions.

2. You will also note that the number of senators briefed on these occasions, plus those who have been briefed separately or informally, totals 55.

3. I doubt that this material is in the form that Senator Stennis himself would want for a Senate debate, but I propose that we give it in this form to Mr. Braswell, who would know what the Senator would probably want, and let him rework it accordingly or advise us how to do so.

4. I also attach in response to your request (Tab B), a record of the occasions on which we have discussed Laos with Senator Stennis himself.

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